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RE AMMAN'S 15 TO PARIS, [redacted] INFORMED DCM AUGUST 27 RE SUPERSONICS FOR JORDAN AS FOLLOWS:

1) YESTERDAY HE HAD CABLED INSTRUCTIONS TO FRENCH EMBASSY AMMAN TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH WOULD BE PREPARED RECEIVE JORDANIAN MISSION SEPTEMBER 6 TO DISCUSS AGAIN SALE MIRAGE IIIS. HE COULD OF COURSE NOT REPEAT NOT FORESEE OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT FELT THIS AT LEAST WOULD ENABLE KING HUSSEIN TO SAY TRUTHFULLY AT ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN MOROCCO ON 13TH THAT HE WAS NEGOTIATING SALE WITH FRENCH. [redacted] SAID FOREIGN OFFICE HAD HAD DIFFICULT TIME GETTING EVEN THIS MESSAGE CLEARED THROUGH FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

2) SOURCE ADDED THAT STUMBLING BLOCKS WERE PRIME MINISTER POMPIDOU AND FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING WHO WERE WORRIED ABOUT FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF SALE. HE SAID THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO POLITICAL OBJECTION PER SE TO SALE BUT THAT FRENCH FELT KING WAS BEING UNREASONABLE WHEN HE TALKED IN TERMS OF 60 AIRCRAFT. HE THOUGHT NOT ONLY PAYMENT PROBLEM BUT QUESTION OF MAINTENANCE WOULD IMPOSE ALMOST INSUPERABLE BURDEN ON JORDANIAN BUDGET. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT THINK UAC CONTRIBUTION WOULD SOLVE DIFFICULTY.

3) [redacted] WOULD DO EVERYTHING BY KHAMMASH ON JORDANIAN SIDE. HOWEVER, HE FEARED ATTITUDE OF OTHER MINISTERS WHO DOUBTED JORDAN'S ABILITY TO PAY. HE REITERATED FRENCH POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO EXTENDING ANY SPECIAL CREDIT FACILITIES AND NOTED THIS HAD BEEN VERY DIFFICULT EVEN IN CASE OF AIRCRAFT FOR LEBANON WITH WHICH FRANCE HAS MUCH CLOSER TIES THAN WITH JORDAN. GP-3 BOHLEN

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